



**POCKET NEW TESTAMENT – THOMAS BARNSTEAD
2ND MASS CAV**

Small brown New Testament published by the New York American Bible Society and printed in 1863. The interior front cover bears a label marked “Presented by the Philadelphia Bible Society” followed by a scriptural quote from John 3:16.

Above the label is written in pencil “T. D. Barnstead 2 Mass Cav.” The book measures 3” X 4½” and is in good condition. The corners of the cover show wear at the edges, commensurate with its age and use. The binding is tight and there are no losses from the pages, although some foxing to the paper is present. The spine has small separations at the lower part of the cover. The cloth on both front and back covers is nicely embossed and remains tight with the cover boards.

Thomas DeLap Barnstead enlisted with the Cal Hundred in 1862 and served in the ranks through the balance of the Civil War, receiving a promotion to Sergeant Major July 21, 1865 on the day he mustered out at Fairfax Courthouse, Virginia.

